

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

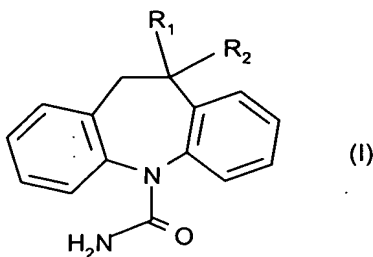
Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended) A method ~~for the~~ of treatment ~~of~~ for tinnitus and other inner ear/cochlear excitability related diseases in a subject in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I



wherein

(a) R_1 represents hydrogen, and R_2 represents hydroxy or C_1 - C_3 alkyl carbonyloxy, or

(b) R_1 and R_2 together represent an oxo group,
or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (new) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein R_1 and R_2 of formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof together represent an oxo group.

Claim 10 (new) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein R_1 of formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof represents hydrogen and R_2 represents hydroxy.

Claim 11 (new) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein R_1 of formula I or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof represents hydrogen and R_2 represents acetoxy.

Claim 12 (new) A method of treatment according to claim 7 for treating tinnitus.

Claim 13 (new) A method of treatment according to claim 7 wherein R_1 of formula I represents hydrogen and R_2 represents hydroxy or C_1 - C_3 alkyl carbonyloxy and wherein the compound is employed in enantiomerically pure form.